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SUBJ: NSW REPLACEMENT FOR FORMER SENATOR MURPHY

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1. IN AN UNRULY 90 MINUTE JOINT SESSION OF BOTH HOUSES  
TODAY, NEW PARLIAMENT ELECTED MAYOR OF ALBURY, CLEAVER  
BUNTON BY A VOTE OF 87 TO 70 TO FILL UNEXPIRED TERM OF  
LIONEL MURPHY. LABOR OPPOSITION CHALLENGED LEGALITY OF  
JOINT SESSION ON TECHNICAL GROUNDS, USING THE OPPORTUNITY  
TO GET MAXIMUM PRESS AND TV ATTENTION TO THEIR ARGUMENTS  
AND TO PORTRAY PREMIER LEWIS AS AN IMPULSIVE NOVICE WHO  
TRIED TO BE "IRON FISTED BUT ENDED UP IRON-HEADED". AFTER  
THE SPEAKER RULED AGAINST OPPOSITION LEADER WRAN'S  
TECHNICALITY, THE LABOR BENCHES BECAME INCREASINGLY NOISY  
AND UNRULY, MAKING IT IMPOSSIBLE TO HEAR PREMIER LEWIS'  
NOMINATING SPEECH FOR BURTON, OR THE SPEAKER'S RULINGS.  
NEAR THE END, THE SPEAKER SUMMONED POLICE AS A THREAT TO  
ONE LOUD AND INSULTING LABOR MEMBER. GOVERNMENT BENCHES  
CONFIDENT THEY "HAD THE NUMBERS" WERE QUIET THROUGHOUT,  
ALLOWING OPPOSITION TO VENT ITS EMOTIONS AND THEN MOVED  
WITH CLOCKWORK REGULARITY THROUGH THE STEPS OF THE ELECTION.

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2. ELECTION OF 72 YEAR OLD BUNTON, NOT AFFILIATED WITH ANY PARTY IS INTENDED TO MUTE CHARGES THAT LIBS WERE UNFAIRLY EXPLOITING THE OCCASION AND ALSO TO DRAMATIZE THE STATES-RIGHTS ISSUE. BUNTON RECOGNIZES HIS TERM WILL END BEFORE JULY 1976 AND HAS SAID HE WILL NOT STAND FOR RE-ELECTION.

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